

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

- WHEREAS, in the past decade, governmental agencies, educational institutions and private industry have developed increasingly powerful computer systems designed to process and analyze map and other spatial information, collectively called geographic information system (GIS) technology; and
- WHEREAS, geographic information system technology can be used strategically as a decision-making tool in such areas as: air resources, agricultural resources, commerce, cultural resources, education, environmental management, facility siting, forestry, geology, health, land resources, natural resources, local government planning, public safety, social services, taxation and revenue, transportation, utilities, waste management, water resources and wildlife; and
- WHEREAS, investment in geographic data, geographic information system technologies and education and training is necessary to make effective use of such data and information; and
- WHEREAS, increasingly complex decisions, overlapping responsibilities and limited financial resources demand the statewide coordination of investments, practices and policies related to geographic data and geographic information system technologies to enhance the sharing and stewardship of geographic data, to minimize duplication of effort and public expenditure and to increase the competitiveness of Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, increased and continued cooperation among state and local government and the statewide geographic information systems community is desirable and critical for data-sharing initiatives; and
- WHEREAS, there are several published Indiana studies that have identified as a priority the need for establishment of a statewide coordinating body in the form of a coordinating council; and
- WHEREAS, an officially designated organization can most strongly represent Indiana's interests in communications and discussions with federal agencies regarding spatial data, spatial data exchanges, spatial data standards and other important issues; and
- WHEREAS, the Indiana GIS Initiative is actively engaged in statewide coordination efforts and project development of geographic data; and

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- WHEREAS, the IGIC shall develop and recommend policies, standards, guidelines and strategies that emphasize cooperation and coordination among Indiana GIS users, federal agencies and other states that are developing and implementing geographic information systems, in order to maximize the value and cost-effectiveness of geographic data and technologies and to avoid redundant activities; and
- WHEREAS, the IGIC shall provide support and advice to member organizations and will not supersede those organizations' internal policies; and
- WHEREAS, the IGIC has been organized to receive grants, contracts, in-kind assistance and/or gifts from governmental agencies, corporations, for-profit and not-for-profit associations; and
- WHEREAS, the IGIC shall provide assistance with disputes among geographic information systems partners; and
- WHEREAS, the IGIC shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the state Chief Information Officer; and
- WHEREAS, this report shall include requirements, goals and an implementation plan for the coordination and development of a statewide geographic information infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS, biennial reports shall regularly include the status of coordination of Indiana geographic information systems through dissemination of data and data products, education and outreach, building partnerships and adoption of standards; and
- WHEREAS, the IGIC will accomplish its mission through regularly scheduled meetings, and as necessary, subcommittee and workgroup meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK O'BANNON, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby recognize the establishment of and participation by the state in the

INDIANA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL

in the State of Indiana.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 5th day of June, 2000.

BY THE GOVERNOR: *Frank O'Bannon*
Frank O'Bannon
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST:

Sue Anne Gilroy
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Secretary of State

